Mr. Govinda Pillai then offered to withdraw the Bill now before the Council.

Permission was granted accordingly.

BREACH OF CONTRACT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Rajaram Row:—I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on this Bill. The Report and the amended Bill have been already published in the Gazette, but as the interval of 21 days from the date of publication required by the Rules has not elapsed, I beg to propose that the consideration of the Bill may be deferred to the next meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Ramier.

The motion was put and agreed to.

LUNACY BILL.

Mr. Govinda Pillai:—I beg to propose the amendments of which I have given notice. I will, as usual, take them in the order of the sections.

Section 2, Clause (c).

Mr. Govinda Pillai:—I would recast the definition of "Lunatic Asylum" as follows:—

"'Lunatic Asylum' means a place appointed to be an Asylum under section 3."

The amendment is merely verbal.

Seconded by Mr. Nagam Aiya.

Carried.

Section 2, Clause (e).

Mr. Govinda Pillai:—I beg to propose that the following be substituted for this clause:—

"'Division Peishcar' shall include every officer who for the time being is authovized to exercise the powers of a Division Peishcar."

This also is a verbal amendment and is intended to secure brevity and clearness of expression.

Seconded by Mr. Rajaram Row.

Carried.

Section 3.

Mr. Govinda Pillai:—I beg to propose that the words "and may in like manner alter or cancel any such notification" at the end of the section be omitted. These words are unnecessary as the power referred to is conferred by section 14 of the General Clauses Regulation.

Seconded by Mr. Ramier.

Carried.

Section 12.

Mr. Govinda Pillai:—I beg to propose that the proviso to this section be recast as follows:—

"Provided that evidence as to the conduct of the alleged lunatic shall ordinarily be restricted to his acts within a period of two years before the date of the application; but the court may, in its discretion, admit evidence of acts done before that period."

The amendment seeks merely to make the meaning clearer and the wording precise.

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